

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have inspected them quite a number of times.

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED: Did he not find that they are all useless?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: They are in various stages; I cannot say that all are good or all are bad.

Tiruvalla Market Canal.

206. * MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken in 1121 for the improvement of the Tiruvalla Market Canal?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Maintenance works to the canal have been arranged and an estimate for clearing silt and repairing wharfs is under preparation.

Gutters in the Quilon Town.

207. * SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representation from the people of Quilon that the gutters on both sides of the roads in the Quilon town are shallow and are not serving their purposes and that dirty water is stagnating and causing inconvenience to the public even in summer seasons?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No.

Roller engines.

208. * SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of useful roller-engines now available with the P. W. D. and

(b) how many of them are now available for effective use in the Quilon P. W. D.?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (a) 14 Steam rollers, 4 Diesel rollers and 3 Motor rollers.

(b) Two.

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED: Sir, it is stated that 14 steam rollers, 4 diesel rollers and 3 motor rollers are available in the P. W. D. May I know then why only two have been allotted to the Quilon Division?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: There are altogether 5 rollers; 2 of them are now in the workshops for repairs. When the question was asked they were in the workshops, and one more in the aerodrome.

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED: Sir, in view of the large number of works to be executed in the Quilon Division, May I know whether the Chief Engineer would consider the advisability of sending one or two rollers more to the Quilon Division?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: That only means that we will have to take one or two from the other divisions.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*): Of these rollers, two are said to be under repair: are the rest in order?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara cum Kunnattur*): Does the honourable member consider that this number is sufficient for the Quilon Division?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: With the number of rollers we have, this alone is possible. We have paid a lakh of rupees to the Government of India for the purchase of more rollers. But they have not yet come to us.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that some works are carried out by hand-rollers?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes. It is so. It is not meant to wait for power rollers until they are available particularly when it is thought that the works could be done by hand-rollers.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: May I ask the honourable member whether such employment is conducive to the production of a smooth surface?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I am perfectly aware that it is not as good as steam rolling.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Is not the use of hand-rollers more costly than the use of steam rollers?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Will not the use of the hand-rollers hold up the work?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Only a portion of the work is held up owing to lack of steam rollers.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether the work of the aerodrome has not contributed to the failure of the ordinary work in the roads?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No, Sir.

Widening and straightening of main roads.

209. * SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether in some parts of the State survey demarcation and acquisition proceedings are undertaken without reference to the actual need for the purpose of widening and straightening our main roads; and

(b) whether they have received any representation from the citizens of Karunagapally taluk in this matter?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (a) No.

(b) Yes.

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED: In some parts of Quilon taluk 40 feet are taken and in some other parts 100 feet are taken. Why is this variation?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: As I have already mentioned, it depends upon the embankments, cuttings, etc.